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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 09409

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, EG

SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR ANTI-TERRORIST TRAINING

1. IN TALK WITH DATT TODAY, EGYPTIAN DMI M/G SHAWKAT
ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY SENDING TWO TEAMS OF EGYPTIAN
COMMANDOS (FOUR-FIVE EACH) TO U.S. TO RECEIVE ANTI-
TERRORIST TRAINING. HE UNDERSTOOD SUCH TRAINING IS
GIVEN AT FORT STEWART AND FORT LEWIS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF SELECTED ANTI-TERRORIST WEAPONS.
DATT REPLIED HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER. EGYPT WOULD
BEAR COSTS OF BOTH TRAINING AND ORDNANCE.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST TIME EGYPTIANS HAVE RAISED
MATTER WITH US HERE, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS EGYPTIAN DEFENSE
ATTACHE GEHZALA MAY ALREADY HAVE SURFACED QUESTION WITH
DOD. IT SEEMS TO US THAT EGYPTIANS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED
TO UP-GRADE THEIR ANTI-TERRORIST POSTURE. AS ME PEACE
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PROCESS MOVES FORWARD, EGYPT LIKELY BE INCREASING TARGET
FOR TERRORISTS. ANYTHING WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO TO
ASSIST WOULD BE HELPFUL TO OUR OVER-ALL PURPOSES IN
EGYPT AND MIDDLE EAST. DATT (B/G PFAUTZ) IS RETURNING
TO WASHINGTON ON MARCH 28 FOR ROUTINE BRIEFINGS AND I
HAVE ASKED HIM DISCUSS MATTER WITH DEPT AND DOD. PLEASE
ADVISE REACTION ASAP. EILTS. UNQUOTE VANCE

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